—Gambling Casinos

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looking for quick returns on a small investment he said.

"I feel also that organized crime may see it as an inroad to Baltimore as it has been in New Jersey and other areas," said Mfume.

He did say, however, he wishes to commend Douglass for thinking up the idea. A lot of people have been talking about providing ways for the city to get more money Mfume noted "at least Douglass is doing something."

Rev. Marion Bascom, of Douglass Memorial Community Church, said "I am unalterably opposed to any form of gambling as a method of subsidizing the city, state, or nation. The black community, particularly is too poor to gamble. It is my firm belief that those who deal with budgetary matters should look at waste, government spending money in the wrong places and not finding ways to tax the rich who live off the poor. Poor people can't afford to gamble."

However many citizens view the possibility of casinos in a different light.

Calvin Washington, of the 110 N. Augusta, said "It sounds like a good idea, but the city claimed the lottery would help the budget. People buy lottery tickets everyday, and the same problems remain, where does the money go?"

"I'm for it as long as the city takes the money and put it aside so it could curb the amount of taxes we pay, help the problem of unemployed teachers, give back summer jobs to the kids, and solve other problems of the city," said Mrs. Charlotte Ross, a resident of the 1900 block of Eutaw Place.

A teacher at Arundel Elementary, Miss Shelia Evans, said, "Casino gambling most likely will work out. The casinos, with the proper setting and management, could be another highlight for Baltimore, adding to tourism, providing employment and building the revenues for the city."

Delegate Douglass, now that he has launched the idea, is waiting. He feels only the aid and support of the community and its leaders can set this proposal on its feet to become reality.

—Councilman Spry

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he reached his decision to resign after a week - long debate involving a clause in the Harford County charter concerning actions which force relinquishing a council seat.

The charter states a councilman automatically forfeits his office if he is convicted while in office of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude.

Spry was found guilty on misdemeanor charges but the question centered on the "moral turpitude" clause.

Earlier this week, John W. Hardwicke, president of the county council, requested the assistance of a Baltimore law firm to give an opinion on crimes of moral turpitude.

Before the legal research was underway, the councilman resigned his post and Benjamin Civiletti of Venabel, Baetjer and Howard told the AFRO:

"The opinion now is unnecessary," he said.

Praising Spry's years of service and the personal help he gave, Hardwicke wrote a letter accepting the councilman's resignation saying he appreciated his work with the council.

"I will not request an opinion. There will be no further action. We'll face that when we come to it," Hardwicke said referring to his action to define the clause in the county charter.

At AFRO presstime, Councilman Spry could not be reached for comment.

Other members of the county council were unavailable for comment.

The resignation of Spry forces county councilmembers to begin proceedings for replacing the vacant seat.

According to the charter, the council has 60 days to replace Spry as of Wednesday, June 30. The Democratic State Central Committe of Harford County will submit three names to the county council.

"I've asked them to give me the names by next Tuesday. We want to do this as quickly as possible," Hardwicke said.

Hardwicke said he was unsure whether Spry's conviction would prevent him from running in the next election.

—Teachers get jobs

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elementary schools, will be determined by course selections made by students in the respective schools.

The press conference was attended largely by reporters, however, parent group representatives and several educators also were on hand.

Gordon Stills, principal of Northern Parkway Junior High School, was among the spectators. Stills said he heard about the press conference on the radio and decided to attend.

When the pink slips went out, he said 10 teachers and staff members - social workers and counselors, were eliminated at his school.

Stills said those teachers and staff will be missed, but the school still has adequate personnel to do a good job.

Wilburt Hardy

Funeral services for Wilburt Robert Hardy were Monday, June 28 at William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was the following day.

Hardy was born Sept. 4, 1969. He died June 24. He attended Baltimore City Public Schools and was presently completing seventh grade at Robert Poole Junior High School.

His survivors are his mother; father, George Gray; his two brothers, Richard and Tyrone Hardy; grandparents, Beatrice and William Francis; three aunts and an uncle.

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Firecracker tips to prevent injury

The July 4, holiday is just around the corner and the American Pyrotechnics Association and the Consumer Product Safety Commission in Washington, DC have released some safety tips for fireworks users.

Safety tips they suggest are: always read directions, have an adult present, buy from reliable fireworks stands, ignite outdoors, have water handy, dispose of properly, and check your state's fireworks control laws.

According to the commission, in recent years, there has been an irregular trend upward in the number of firework related injuries from 5,200 in 1974 to approximately 8,400 in 1980.

Information released by the commission states that injuries decreased in 1977 and 1978, but now they appear to have increased slightly. Since 1974, firecrackers have been associated with the majority of firework - related injuries.

According to the information, 60 percent of the injuries known to be associated with legal or prohibited fireworks were due to product misuse rather than malfunction.

The information also states that misuse and malfunction of fireworks have often resulted in deaths, blindings, amputations, and severe burns.

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By the way...

By Joe Black

I have never said that racism does not exist is these United States, because racism has been a part of our society since 1619 when John Hawkins first brought us into this country as slaves. And I do say that too often Black people use the word racism as an excuse for our inadequacies. Quite often these are the same people who, in a bragging fashion, talk about Harriet Tubman and the "Underground Rail road", Crispus Attucks and the Boston Massacre, Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. encouraging our people to strive for independence and equality of opportunity. But those same people are not doers; they seem to have lost that fighting spirit. Thus, I keep saying that racism is an excuse, not the only reason why Black Americans fail to achieve our anticipated socio-economic growth.

We must admit that some of our failures are because too many of us have allowed apathy and welfare to make us lazy and abandon the fighting spirit of "We Shall Overcome." Well, somebody up there must like us and is giving us a second chance to destroy this unconcerned listlessness and put forth the needed effort.

My friends, it is no longer a request but an ultimatum that Black Americans become more involved in the political process. Black people failed to put forth the necessary efforts during the last national elections and are now grumbling about budget cuts and loss of jobs. Procrastination and postulation can no longer be tolerated because the survival of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is dependent upon pressures from millions of Black people. To impress you with the importance of the voting act to Black America, let me cite a statistic from the Voter Education Project:

"Since passage of the act in 1965, minority voter registration has increased by a thousand percent in Mississippi, more than a hundred percent in some other Southern states; additionally, the region now has 2400 Black elected officials as compared to less than a hundred prior to 1965."

So, write to the President, your senator, and congressperson. Remember! The vote you save may be your own.

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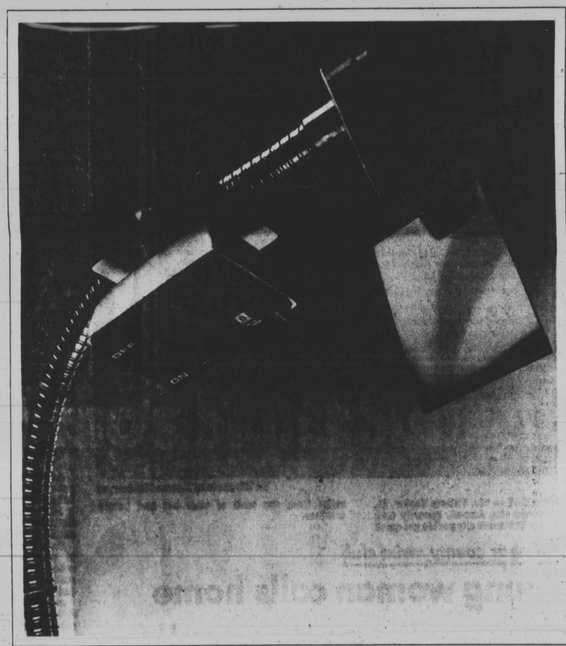

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Provident Hospital project ahead of schedule

New business takes large accounts in stride

A 35-year-old Baltimore native, who said he had no experience in the microfilming business until little more than a year ago, now has captured several large accounts, including Provident Hospital, in that growing industry and appears to be doing quite well.

Michael Cryor, a former Morgan State University associate dean before establishing his firm, National Data Management System, Inc., now is president of that firm.

Since the corporation set up shop on Security Blvd., it has secured some impressive accounts including a federal agency, a large manufacturing firm and several state agencies, Cryor said.

One of the company's newest clients, however, can be found in the midst of the black community - Provident Hospital.

Cryor said his company managed to out bid Micro Records, which had been providing microfilming services to Provident.

"They're very good," he said. "But we do the same thing for less money and we think we're just as good."

Since April, Cryor said he and his nine employees have been putting about three and one-half million pages of Provident's medical records on micro film. The first project, which is moving ahead of schedule, should be completed by the end of the year, he said.

Future projects at Provident Hospital may involve filming patient accounts and data from other departments, information entailing many more millions sheets of paper, he said.

It takes a lot of team work to accomplish such a large task, and Cryor had nothing but praise for the assistance Provident's staff has provided.

"It's just been a pleasure ... our business, our operation at Provident is working extremely well. We're ahead of schedule," Cryor said.

The industry in which Cryor, a City College High School and MSU graduate, now finds himself emersheed, is called micrographics.

This industry is composed of three sections, the transferring of data from computer tapes to micro film, source documentation and filming and micro publishing.

Cryor said he did a lot of studying and reading to bone up on his new career before he made the plunge into the business. He said he also asked a lot of questions, visited similar companies and then just took some plain, old fashioned chances.

Other accounts this young company has acquired are the Department of Transist and Traffic, several lawyers, W.R. Grace Co. ... and the U.S. government printing offices.

The future for his business continues to look bright, he said.

"Our marketing studies and projects for the future are very encouraging," Cryor said.

Vanguards elect new officers

As new president of the Vanguard Justice Society, Inc., Sgt. Wendell France said, "In these hard economic times an organization such as the Vanguard is what the community needs."

France, said the organization will be very active in the community and will be working with other organizations to promote awareness of the importance of communication between the public and the police.

The Vanguard Justice Society, Inc., was founded in October 1971 as a non-profit organization for the purpose of addressing those issues experienced by minorities in the criminal justice system.

The organization consist of 400 black police officers, both men and women.

Sgt. France and Sgt. Leonard Hamm, first vice president, both agreed there is a need for more black officers and they plan as an organization to work actively to recruit them.

"We will not actively recruit until we meet with the director of personnel," France said. France and Hamm said the new officers plan to change the organization's image by having "seasoned officers" helping to make the transition.

Other officers who were elected on June 30 were Sergeants Wayne Wilson, second vice president; Officers Tyrone Francis, treasurer; James Shield, recording secretary; Teresa Cunningham, secretary; Carolyn Raley, financial secretary; Arnold Adams, sergeant at arms.

Board of trustees members are Sgt. Robert Smith; Officer Herman Jones, Sgt. Barry Powell, Sgt. George Smith and Sgt. Johnny Fisher.

The swearing in ceremony for the new officers will be July 14, 8 p.m. at St. Bernardine's Catholic Church on Edmondson Ave.

Shot, paralyzed by former officer

McGee ineligible for state assistance

It was Aug. 27, 1981 when a state compenstation board ruled that JaWan McGee, who was shot and permanently paralyzed by a city police officer in March 1980, was the victim of a crime and was therefore entitled to financial assistance from the state.

However, nearly 10 months after announcing their decision, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board reversed the ruling in a 2 to 1 decision made by the board last week. The late Joseph Pickus was chairman of the board last August.

The board said Pickus's compassion for McGee, 20, may have clouded his judgment and reason and that he chose to designate the officer's actions as crimes in order to bring the McGee case within the board's purview.

McGee could not be reached at AFRO presstime. A city police officer who asked not to be identified told the AFRO, "I think it was a racial decision. The city classified it as a crime and it had to be a crime for the state's attorney to prosecute him."

Former Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau fired McCown, a 10-year veteran June 25, 1980. In its decision last year, the board said McCown committed the "common-law crimes" of assault and battery when he shot McGee.

Russell C. Milburn, who succeeded Pickus and Marshall M. Meyer, a member of the commission said the shooting was justified or at least excusable assuming that the appearances were false and that danger did not, in fact, exist when McCown fired his gun.

Juvenile crime drops in Maryland

A drop in the juvenile crime rate has state officials saying only a minority of Maryland's young people pose a "danger to the community."

The Juvenile Services Administration released its annual survey on June 30. It showed that crime reports among youths ages 5 to 17 years fell in 1981 to 39,161 from 40,917 in 1980.

Juvenile Service Administration director Rex Smith said only 3 percent of the juveniles handled by the agency "represent a clear and imminent danger to the community."

Assault was the most common juvenile crime in 1981, with 5,946 incidents reported, up 600 from the previous year. Breaking and entering, larceny, shoplifting and narcotics violations are also frequent offenses, Smith said.

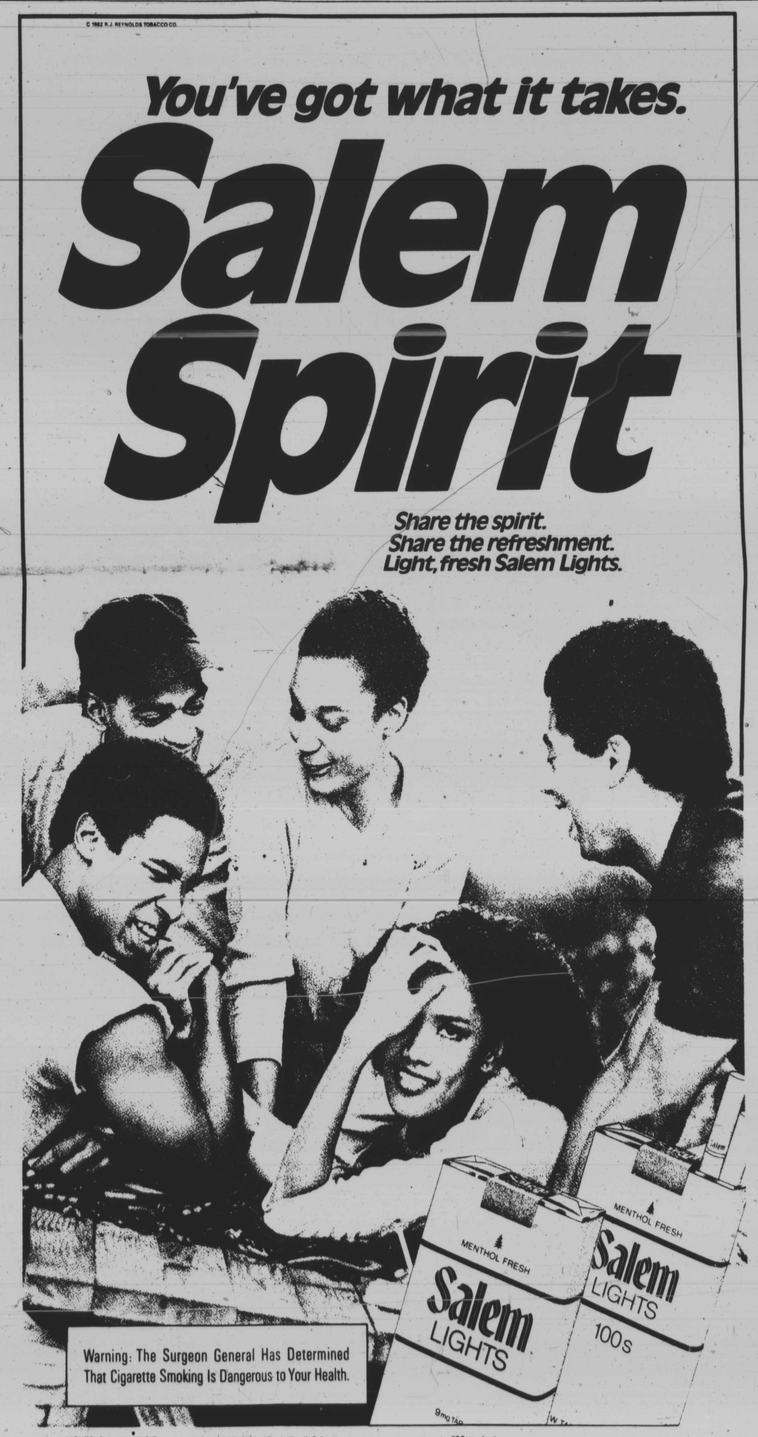
The survey showed incidents of breaking and entering increased by approximately 200 to 5,546. Smith said larceny reports decreased by about 200 cases to 5,433 and shoplifting and narcotics violations also decreased.

"The public perception of juvenile crime has demonstrated a growing fear and a demand for greater accountability and protection," Smith said.

Baltimore, Calvert County, Prince George's County and Worchester Counties had the highest delinquent offender rates.

Baltimore had a rate of 80.6 delinquent cases per 1,000 juveniles, Calvert County had a rate of 54.0 and Prince George's County reported a 41.3 rate.

Maryland's two western counties reported the lowest rate of delinquent crime. Alleghany county had a 13.3 rate and mountainous Garrett County reported only 14.2 cases of juvenile crime per thousand juveniles.



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